World Bank Assistance for Dindi and Moosi Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

6832. SHRI B. DHARMABIKSHAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the World Bank assistance released so far for the Dindi and Moosi irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh separately, and

(b) the present position of those projects and the time by which those are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Moosi and Dindi sub Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh estimated to cost Rs. 334 lakhs and Rs. 164 lakhs respectively, have been approved under the World Bank assisted National Water Management Project. Uptil March, 1991 a sum of Rs. 39 lakhs has been released to Government of Andhra Pradesh under the National Water Management Project.

(b) Work on these two sub-projects is in progres. Expenditure of Rs. 25.00 lakhs on Moosi and Rs. 15.00 lakhs on Dindi has already been incurred upto August, 1991. Both the projects are targeted for completion by June, 1993.

National Awareness on Conservation of top Soil

6833. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to create national awareness about conservation of top soil; and

(b) whether any comprehensive legislation at the national level is being contemplated to conserve the top soil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Conservation of top soil is an integral part of Soil and Water Conservation measures. Knowledge of these measures and technological packages are disseminated through agricultural extension and farm advice on TV, AIR, Newspaper and other media.

(b) No, Sir.

[*Translation*]

Subarnarekha Multi-Purpose Project

6834. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Subarnarekha Pariyojana Par Phir Vivad" appearing in 'Navbharat Times' dated August 7, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether complaints have been received regarding misuse of financial assistance provided by the World Bank, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project obtained World Bank Assistance effective from January, 1983 to the tune of US Dollars 127 Million. The credit was fully disbursed by August, 1989. Government of Bihar is in the process of identifying another phase of Subarnarekhs Multi-

purpose Project for further appraisal by the Bank. The current indication is that final appraisal depends on satisfactory implementation of re-settlement and rehabilitation policy; evolution of a programme for optimum water utilisation in the project and arranging clearance of the project from forest angle by the Government of Bihar.

(c) No such complaint has been received.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Setting up of Alumina Plants in Visakhapatnam and East Godavari Districts

6835. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government for setting up of alumina plants in the tribal belt of East Godavari and Visakhapatnam Districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the proposed cost on the said plants; and

(c) the countries which have offered collaborations therefor and the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following parties have applied for Letters of intent (LOI) for setting up of 100% EOU Alumina Projects in the districts of East Godavary and Visakhapatnam:

(1) M/s. Birla Technical Services.

(2) M/s. Karnataka Telecables Limited.

(3) M/s. Coastal Alumina Limited.

(4) Shri K. Sivananda Reddy.

Since the proposals are at a preliminary stage, project cost are not available.

(c) No proposal from any country for joint ventures has been received.

[*Translation*]

Electronic Telephone Exchange in Pilibheet District of U.P.

6836. DR. PARSHURAM GANGWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to instal electronic telephone exchange by replacing the old telephone exchange, Pilibheet district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The existing telephone exchange in at Pilibheet is planned for replacement by Electronic Exchange during 1992-93.

[*English*]

Availability of Dhara Refined Oil

6837. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dhara refined oil is not available in the market; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for regular supply of Dhara refined oil?